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REMARKS

Claims 1-221 are pending in the application. As a result of the Restriction Requirement, Claims 1-74, 220 and 221 have been elected for prosecution. Claims 105-219, have been cancelled as drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 75-104 have been withdrawn until the allowance of Claim 1, at which point Applicants respectfully request rejoinder. The changes made to the Specification and Claims by the current amendment, including ~~deletions~~ and additions, are shown herein with deletions designated with a strikethrough and additions underlined. No new matter has been added herewith.

Response to the Restriction Requirement

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 14, 2004 (Paper No. 14). Therein the Examiner indicated that the Restriction Requirement is necessary to correct errors in the above-captioned application. The Examiner believes that the present application contains four different inventions defined by:

Group I consisting of Claims 1-74, 220 and 221 drawn to an intraocular lens;

Group II consisting of Claims 105-128 and 148-219, drawn to a haptic for an intraocular lens;

Group III consisting of Claims 75-104, drawn to a method for introducing an intraocular lens into an eye;

Group IV consisting of Claims 129-147, drawn to a method of inserting a haptic into an eye.

The Examiner further states that the invention I and III are related as product and process of use. Further invention II and IV are related as product and process of use.

The Examiner states that in the event the Invention I or III is elected, the following further election of species is necessary:

Species I: Figure 2

Species II Figure 3A

Species III Figure 3B

Species IV Figure 3C

In the event that Inventions II or IV is elected, the following further election of species is necessary:

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Species 1a	Figure 3D
Species 1b	Figure 3E

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Species 1c Figure 3F
Haptic form

Species IIa Figure 2, 5 and 13A-C
Species IIb Figure 4
Species IIc Figure 6
Species IId Figure 15A and 16C
Species IIe Figure 15B
Species IIf Figure 15C
Species IIg Figure 16B.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, consisting of Claims 1074, 220 and 221 drawn to an intraocular lens. The election is made without traverse. However, upon allowance of Claim 1, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the Group III claims as being dependent upon an allowed claim and being related as product and process of use.

Conclusion

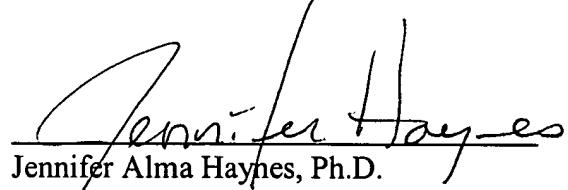
Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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